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Kabul Says Former Leader Conspired With Rebel, CIA

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KABUL, Afghanistan, Jan. 21—The Afghan government today accused former president Hafizullah Amin of having attempted to end the country's guerrilla war by conspiring with a Moslem rebel leader and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Interior Minister Sayed Mohammed Gulabzoi told a news conference that Amin had planned to purge members of his own party in a conspiracy with Gulbaddin Hikmatyar, leader of one of the three main Pakistan-based Moslem insurgent groups.

According to Gulabzoi, Amin had offered the rebel leader \$58,000 and the post of prime minister in a new government in order to end the guerrilla war.

Gulabzoi said the CIA had expressed its full backing for the conspiracy and said it would send armed forces to support the plot. He contended that the Afghan government had "exact and correct" information to support the allegations.

The alleged plot outlined by Gulabzoi was the first attempt by the new government to explain its repeated charge that Amin was a CIA spy.

In Moscow, the official Tass news agency carried an account of Gulabzoi's statement that quoted him as saying: "Assurances have been received in Kabul from definite circles in Washington that if necessary the initiators of the coup were to be supported by the 'might' of the U.S. armed forces."

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